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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	2003-22
First Inventor	Diana Amelia Normington
Title	adjustable piercing
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 26] (preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 7]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 2]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. Paper
 - c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. Other:

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Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.:

Prior application information: Examiner _____ Art Unit: _____
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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

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Application Number	
Filing Date	
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1051	130	2051	65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	50	2052	25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053	130	1053	130 Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55 Extension for reply within first month
1252	420	2252	210 Extension for reply within second month
1253	950	2253	475 Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,480	2254	740 Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2,010	2255	1,005 Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	330	2401	165 Notice of Appeal
1402	330	2402	165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	290	2403	145 Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55 Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1,330	2453	665 Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,330	2501	665 Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	480	2502	240 Design issue fee
1503	640	2503	320 Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460	130 Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	770	2809	385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
1810	770	2810	385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
1801	770	2801	385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	1802	900 Request for expedited examination of a design application

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
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1001	770	2001	385 Utility filing fee
1002	340	2002	170 Design filing fee
1003	530	2003	265 Plant filing fee
1004	770	2004	385 Reissue filing fee
1005	160	2005	80 Provisional filing fee
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)		385	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Extra Claims below - 20** =	Fee Paid
30	3	10 X 9 =	90
3	-	0 X - =	-
Multiple Dependent		- =	-

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Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1202	18	2202	9 Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43 Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		90	

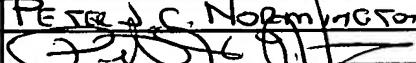
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